

### P.T.A. Council To Meet At Torrance Elementary School

Torrance Elementary school P. T. A. will be host to the Lomita-San Pedro Council meeting until noon. Rev. Charles Swift of Wilmington will be the featured speaker and Mrs. F. Robinson, home service, and Mrs. Paul Abrams, Red Cross, will be chairmen. Mrs. J. Matriotti will preside and Christmas music will be given by Mrs. C. B. Airey and Mrs. J. Bader.

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### Science Begins All-Out Study of Common Cold

SAN FRANCISCO — A two-year all-out study of the common cold and other respiratory diseases was started last week by a research team of ten doctors in the University of California Medical School.

The doctors will attempt to bring together for the first time all the facts concerning the conditions which make a person susceptible to a cold and to other respiratory diseases. Heretofore, studies of the cold have not been comprehensive, but have been concerned with phases of the problem.

The study, under the direction of Dr. William J. Kerr, professor of medicine, will include respiratory diseases caused by bacteria, viruses and allergies.

One of the most important aspects of the work will be a study of the physical influences caused by changes in the weather and overcooling. To study this, the scientists have built a special room large enough for six persons, in which the temperature and humidity of the air can be changed to any conditions quickly and at will.

This phase of the study involves particular emphasis on the function of the nose, the air-conditioning mechanism of the body. The human nose warms, filters, and humidifies all the air that passes through it into the lungs.

**SENIORITY PRIVILEGE**  
Upon completion of 20 years of service in the U. S. Navy, a sailor, if physically fit, can transfer to the Fleet Reserve and receive one-half of his base pay.

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### "NAVY INTELLIGENCE"

Is there any time for athletics on board ship?

Yes, the Navy encourages athletic competition. Each ship has an officer in charge of athletics who is assisted by a committee of officers in arranging contests. On most ships there are boxing, wrestling, basketball and baseball teams. Tournaments are often held within the Fleet, with the various winners receiving trophies as awards.

How many signal alphabets are used in the Navy?

Three. They are the flag, the semaphore and the International Morse. A seaman, first class, is taught all three methods of communication thoroughly.

Is special training required for a sailor to be assigned to a submarine?

Yes, men who volunteer for submarine work are trained at the submarine school at New

London, Conn. This training offers special instruction dealing with Diesel engines, radio, electricity and sound.

Can a sailor ever wear civilian clothes?

Yes, sailors can wear civilian clothes while on leave or liberty in United States ports, but not in foreign ports.

Are pets allowed on board ship?

No, except by special permission of the Executive Officer.

Are there any library facilities on the ships of the U. S. Navy?

Yes, every ship in the U. S. Navy is equipped with a library. These libraries vary in size depending on the type of ship; for example, a battleship rates 2,000 volumes and a submarine with its small complement of men rates 150. During the past year the Navy bought more than

### Philippines Mobilize Defenses

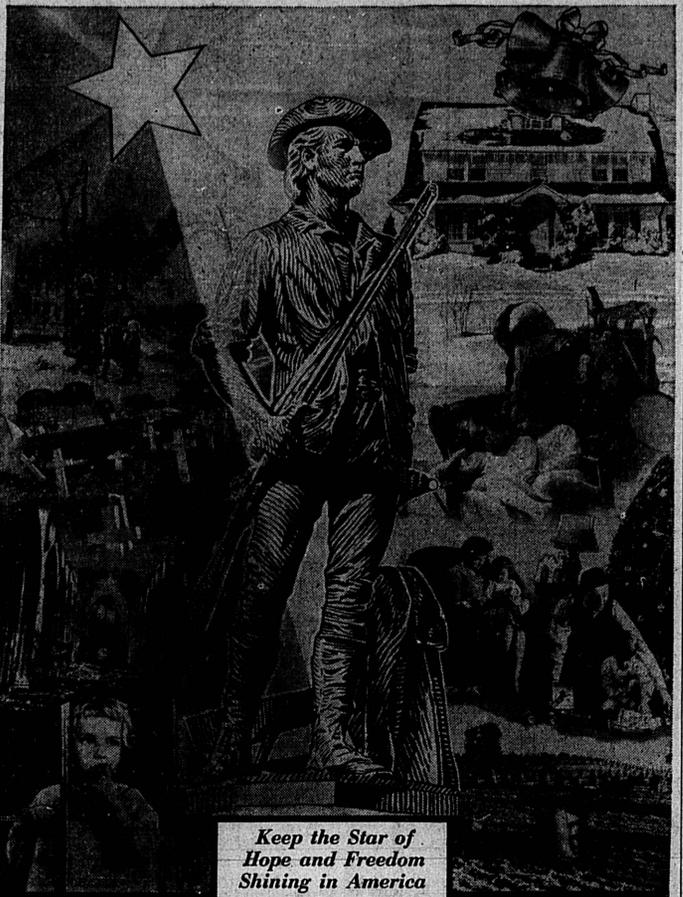


The Philippine islands, struck at five points in Japan's treacherous attack on America's Pacific territories, months ago gave up hopes of immediate independence and have been preparing their defenses shoulder-to-shoulder with Army and Navy regulars sent from U. S. mainland. Here, for example, Philippine Boy Scouts work with Red Cross in first aid instruction.

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From this custom the nickname "tar" originated.

How long must I serve if I enroll in the U. S. Naval Reserve?

Enlistment in the U. S. Naval Reserve is for four years, but according to an order by Secretary of the Navy Knox, the enlistment will be only for the duration of the national emergency period. Secretary Knox said, "All men enlisting in the U. S. Naval Reserve will be detained for service on active duty throughout the period of the national emergency, but they

will be released to inactive duty as soon after the emergency as their services can be spared, regardless of the length of time remaining in their enlistment."

How large was the U. S. Navy force in the Pacific a hundred years ago?

The Pacific force a hundred years ago consisted of the U. S. S. CONSTITUTION (OLD IRON-SIDES) and two armed schooners. American shipping trade in these waters consisted of 500 American whaling vessels and an additional 500 American merchant vessels.

### OPM Officials Tells How Loans Are Being Made

The defense program and priorities will have a definite effect upon the attitude of banks in making new industrial loans, F. R. McGregor, regional coordinator of the Priorities Field Service for the Office of Production Management, said in a talk before a meeting of the Independent Bankers Association of Southern California held in Los Angeles.

"Today, one of the first steps in the procedure of making a loan is for the bank to determine the character of the borrower's product and the manner in which his operations are affected by the availability of critical materials," Mr. McGregor said.

"Loans to industries engaged in defense production are now doubly secure. This does not mean that all non-defense businesses are by any means in jeopardy. In fact, there are a great number of non-defense businesses that are actually profiting by increased civilian consumption, particularly those which are not dependent upon materials subject to priorities."

"Such cases should result in desirable situations for the granting of industrial loans. The priorities system now in force is a constructive effort to transform the country's industrial machinery from a peacetime to a wartime economy with the least dislocation possible."

The Torrance National Bank is a member of the Independent Bankers Association.

### California Has Most Specialized Agriculture

BERKELEY — No other large area of the United States shows a stronger tendency toward specialization of agriculture on individual farms or so many and varied lines of specialization according to a new bulletin published by the University of California College of Agriculture.

"This characteristic," says the bulletin, "is partly a heritage from the days of bonanza farming, partly a result of the environmental conditions and types of crops prevailing." Since 1900, it points out, there has been a trend toward diversified agriculture but the movement has not been carried far, and specialized farming still predominates.

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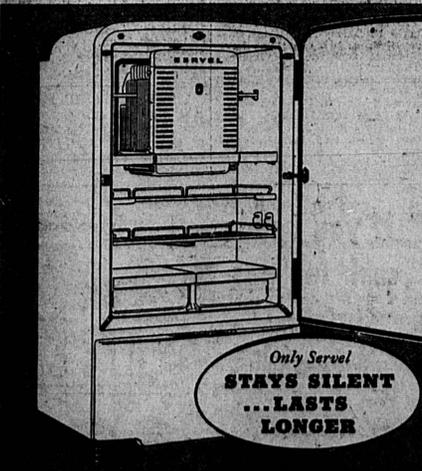
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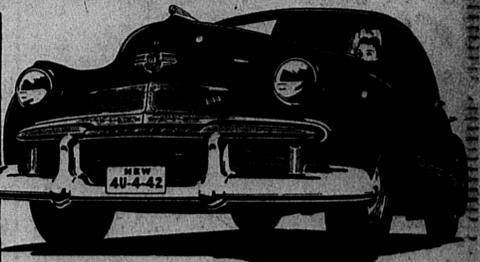
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